

Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure Board Meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Homewood Suites, Meeting Room 7800 Eastchase Parkway Montgomery, Alabama 36117

John Orr, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:32 a.m. at Homewood Suites in Montgomery, Alabama, as posted on the Secretary of State's website and the AESBL website. Mr. Orr asked Janet Robinson, Executive Director, to call the roll. Members present: John Orr, Seanne Warrior, Geoffrey Wilson, and Morgan Garner. Under the extension of the governor's proclamation, Scott Hunter attended via Zoom. Due to an obligation at the Statehouse, Sheriff Cunningham was not present at the beginning of the meeting.

I. Quorum:

A quorum was present. Peggy Rossmanith from the Alabama Attorney General's Office certified the quorum.

II. Minutes of February 9, 2021, Board Meeting:

Mr. Orr asked members to review the minutes for the February 9, 2021, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Warrior. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

III. Discussion of Relevant Concerns:

There were no concerns at this time.

IV. Permitting of Licensing of Companies for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022:

Mr. Orr called for a motion on the two hundred twenty-one (221) companies that have been licensed from January 1, 2021, to March 31, 2021.

For 2020/2021—Of the 221 companies, fourteen (14) were licensed for 2020/2021. A motion to approve the licenses of the 14 companies was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2021/2022—Of the 221 companies, two hundred seven (207) were licensed for 2021/2022. A motion to approve the licenses of the 207 companies was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the second quarter of FY2021, seventeen (17) new companies were licensed.

Permitting of Licensing of Individuals for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022:

Mr. Orr called for a motion on the one thousand sixteen (1,116) individuals who were licensed with background checks from January 1, 2021, to March 31, 2021.

For 2020/2021—Of the 1,116 individuals, two hundred ten (210) were licensed for 2020/2021. A motion to approve the licenses of the 210 individuals was made by Mr. Wilson. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2021/2022—Of the 1,116 individuals, nine hundred six (906) were licensed for 2021/2022. A motion to approve the licenses of the 906 individuals was made by Mr. Wilson. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the second quarter of FY2021, one hundred eighty-two (182) new individuals were licensed.

V. Items to Discuss:

A. Legal Compliance Committee - proposed Rule changes:

Ms. Robinson presented the Rule changes proposed by the Committee and also asked the Board to consider an additional Rule change under Section 304-X-1-.06 Exemptions that was not related to the Legal Compliance Audit conducted by the Examiners of Public Accounts. A motion was made to approve the proposed Rule changes, including the additional change, by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

B. Training submitted for approval – The Monitoring Association (TMA):
This item was pulled from the agenda. The training will be evaluated by the Alabama Alarm Association for CEUs.

C. 2021 ITB for AESBL:

Mr. Orr presented the Invitation to Bid (ITB) for AESBL's administrative services contract which is due for renewal in 2021. A motion to approve the ITB was made by Mr. Wilson. Second by Mr. Orr. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

D. Approval of fines for 2021/2022 late/non-renewing companies: Tori Lewis, AESBL Licensing Coordinator, presented to the Board a list of late/non-renewing companies as of March 31, 2021 and a list of late/non-renewing companies. renewing companies as of April 30, 2021. Before a motion was made, the Board heard the appeals and voted on the following:

- A Absolute Security Tech in Sheffield, Alabama: A motion to waive the \$500 fine for late renewal by March 31, 2021, was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2. Alabama Lock & Key Company, Inc., in Birmingham, Alabama: An appeal had been requested, but a representative of the company did not appear before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the \$500 fine for non-renewal by March 31, 2021, and the \$500 fine for non-renewal by April 30, 2021, and to ask inspector to visit company to verify whether or not work is being conducted. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3. American Home Systems in Chelsea, Alabama: The company was on both the March 31st list and the April 30th list. A motion was made by Mr. Orr to reduce the fine to \$500 if applications are complete and all requirements are met by May 31, 2021. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4. Batteries Plus (DC Power) in Hoover, Alabama: A motion to waive the \$500 fine for late renewal by March 31, 2021, was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5. Clark's Lock & Safe (Pensacola Lock & Safe, Inc.) in Pace, Florida: An appeal had been requested, but a representative of the company did not appear before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the \$500 fine for non-renewal by March 31, 2021, and the \$500 fine for non-renewal by April 30, 2021, and to inform the company that they must obtain an AESBL license before they can cross the state line and work in Alabama. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 6. Eden Security, Inc., in Haleyville, Alabama: The company was on both the March 31st list and the April 30th list. A motion was made by Mr. Orr to waive both \$500 fines if applications are complete and all requirements are met by May 31, 2021. Second by Mr. Hunter. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 7. Eureka Lock-Outs and Locksmithing LLC in Huntsville, Alabama: The company was on both the March 31st list and the April 30th list. A motion was made by Mr. Orr to reduce the fine to \$500 if applications are complete and all requirements are met by May 31, 2021. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 8. Fuller Fire & Safety Equipment, Inc., in Columbus, Georgia: An appeal had been requested, but a representative of the company did not appear before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the \$500 fine for non-renewal by March 31, 2021, and the \$500 fine for non-renewal by April 30, 2021, and to inform the company that they must obtain an AESBL license before they can cross the state line and work in

- Alabama. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 9. Granade Technology Solutions in Opelika, Alabama: An appeal had been requested, but a representative of the company did not appear before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the \$500 fine for non-renewal by March 31, 2021, and the \$500 fine for non-renewal by April 30, 2021, and to ask inspector to visit company to verify whether or not work is being conducted. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding the fine lists for late renewal and non-renewal of licenses as of March 31, 2021, and with the exception of the companies previously voted on to waive, reduce, or let stand, a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the \$500 fine for companies listed. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding the fine lists for late renewal and non-renewal of licenses as of April 30, 2021, and with the exception of the companies previously voted on to waive, reduce, or let stand, a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the \$500 fine for companies listed. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

E. Licensing of Institutional Employees:

A motion was made by Mr. Orr to form the Institutional Licensing Committee to discuss institutional licensing. The committee members will be Mr. Orr, Mr. Wilson, Lee Schofield with the Alabama Locksmith Association, Ms. Robinson, and Ms. Rossmanith. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

VI. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Garner to enter Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of licensed companies and/or individuals. Second by Mr. Orr. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Orr voted to approve, Mr. Hunter voted to approve, Ms. Warrior voted to approve, Mr. Garner voted to approve, and Mr. Wilson voted to approve. Assistant Attorney General Peggy Rossmanith declared at 12:04 p.m. that the Board was in Executive Session until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Note: Ms. Warrior left during Executive Session at 1:15 p.m. due to a previously schedule meeting. Sheriff Cunningham arrived during Executive Session at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Orr declared at 4:10 p.m. that the Board was out of Executive Session and back in General Session. Members present: Mr. Orr, Sheriff Cunningham, Mr. Hunter via telephone, Mr. Garner, and Mr. Wilson.

The following motions were made:

- **G.B. with AdaptToSolve, Inc.**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **R.M. with ADT LLC (TEK Systems)**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mr. Wilson abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **K.S. with ADT LLC**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mr. Wilson abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **A.P. with Alder Holdings LLC**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **A.W. with Alder Holdings LLC**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- C.W. with Alder Holdings LLC—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **J.B. with American Video & Alarm, Inc.**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to deny the individual license. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **B.M. with B.E.E.P. Global**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mr. Wilson abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **L. M. with DSI Security**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **T.H. with FEDCorp, Inc.**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **Q.D. with Securitas Electronic Security, Inc.**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **G.M. with Smart Home Security LLC**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to deny the individual license due to special circumstances. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **J.J. with Vivint, Inc.**—a motion was made by Mr. Orr to approve the individual license. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

VII. AESBL Budget for Fiscal Year 2021:

Ms. Robinson presented a report reflecting deposits and payments made in the second quarter of FY2021.

VIII. Other Business:

A. Approval of the 2022/2023 Application Packet:

Ms. Robinson presented the 2022/2023 application packet that will be available online June 1, 2021. She reported that the only new addition to the packet was a page informing applicants that individual licenses do not transfer from one company to another. A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to approve the 2022/2023 application packet. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

B. Approval of 3-hour CEU course – The AESBL Licensing Process:

Ms. Robinson presented the syllabus for the CEU course that the staff is scheduled to teach at the Alabama Alarm Association Conference on May 19, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Garner to approve the CEU course. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

C. Board Member Training for 2021:

Ms. Robinson, after previously sending the Examiner's email to the members, reported that Board Member training conducted by the Examiners of Public Accounts would be online until May 31, 2021. She informed the Board that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Garner had both completed the training online. She also informed the Board that she, along with Sheriff Cunningham and Ms. Warrior, had attended the last in-person training session conducted by the Examiners of Public Accounts. Board members needing to complete the training currently were Mr. Orr and Mr. Hunter.

D. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Cunningham. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Approved by the Board on June 29, 2021.

John D. Orr, Sr., Chairman

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